

**TILDEN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Saturday, February 4, 2012  
Regular Meeting

The Tilden Township Board of Supervisors met in the Township Municipal Building with the following present: Supervisors Gene Schappell, Russell Werley and Judy Romig, Township Secretary, Cheryl Haus, Township Solicitor, James Lillis and several citizens. A copy of the roster is on file with the secretary.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Russell Werley, at 8:04 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION -**

**Mark Fritz** of 14 Foxwood Drive asked the Board how he applies for grandfathering and a variance for his Outdoor Wood Fired Boiler. He is interested in a variance for the use of his boiler during a burn ban as his boiler is sealed. The Zoning Officer will be given the information to contact Mr. Fritz.

**JoAnn Rahauser** of 334 West State Street asked if there is an officer on duty in the township between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.. Chief McEllroy replied that at present there is not an officer assigned to that shift, however, there are times when shift times have been changed, and those hours were worked.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS**

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to pay the following bills:

General Fund - Ck# 17513-17560 in the amount of \$76,807.94  
     Auto deductions in the amount of \$5.00  
     Wire Transfer (TIF) \$597.60 \$30.00 transfer fee  
 Payroll - Ck# 11892-11934 in the amount of \$26,824.90  
     ACH & EFTPS Transfers (Fed & State taxes) \$9,441.73  
 Sewer Fund - Ck# 2469-2477 in the amount of \$42,460.53  
 Building & Zoning Ck # 141 in the amount of \$3,169.98  
 Park & Recreation Ck # 356 in the amount of \$67,186.98  
 Upon roll call, Werley, Schappell and Romig voted yes.

**DEBT SERVICE**

Building - \$832,000.00  
 Tilden Collection System - \$4,704,000.00  
 HMA sewer expansion - \$2,803,388.81

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to approve the December 30, 2011 workshop minutes, the January 3, 2012 Re-Organization and Regular minutes and the January 10, 2012 Special meeting minutes. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

**REPORT - POLICE**

The report for January, 2012 was given by Chief McEllroy. 56 shifts were covered, 448 hours were worked, 1,636 miles were put on vehicles and 198

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gallons of fuel were used. (Additional information is available on the Police Report)

The new AR-15 rifles have arrived and training is being set up. LoJack devices have been installed on the police vehicles at no cost to Tilden Township. These devices are being installed by car dealers who are partnering with the LoJack Company. The devices are used to track stolen vehicles.

**REPORT - SOLICITOR**

**A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to adopt Ordinance # 207, 2012, entitled Outdoor Wood Fired Boilers. Upon roll call, Schappell and Romig voted yes. Russ Werley voted no.**

Dale Stoudt of 437 Hill Drive asked to make a comment on the Outdoor Wood Fired Boiler Ordinance. Mr. Stoudt opposes the Ordinance and feels that this will lead into bigger problems with fireplaces, oil burners and gas burners, and also nuisance ordinances. The Supervisors should not let 3 people dictate to the whole township. Supervisor Romig replied that information the Board received showed emissions from the Wood boilers to be 10 x that of other home fireplaces or furnaces in the house.

Attorney Lillis advised the Board that settlement on the 6 acres of land adjacent to the Tilden Township building was held and that Tilden Township is the official owner. We will be applying for an Exemption of real estate taxes for the property.

Supervisor Werley suggested a certain area be dedicated to gardening plots. Supervisor Schappell suggested trees, benches, etc.

Attorney Lillis presented information gathered by his office for the UCC / Fire Code / inspections. Mr. Lillis stated the Township has adopted the 2009 UCC code and the International Fire Code. The 2009 code does require fire inspections on additions and new facilities. It does not require annual inspections, however, the Tilden Township ordinance includes annual inspections.

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to amend the current Ordinance # 199, 2009 to eliminate annual fire inspections, along with Resolution # 6, 2012 annual fire inspection fees. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.**

**REPORT - ZONING/SEO**

Zoning / Building reports for December 2011 were received.  
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**REPORT - DRIVEWAY/ROADMASTER**

The Report for January, 2012 was received.

**REPORT-SECRETARY**

The secretary's report for January, 2012 was given by Cheryl Haus.

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The office has been working on end of year reports for DCED and PennDOT, which are required for Liquid Fuels monies, employees payroll reports, W-2's, etc.

The 2011 audit was done with the auditor in the office January 5,9,10,11 & 12.

The office is continuing to place liens on properties, including Focus Development for nonpayment of Engineer and Solicitor fees.

Kentucky Fried Chicken has submitted information to the Township Engineer for a building on the lot beside Logan's Steakhouse.

Letters were received from PennDOT regarding bidding for a project on Hex Highway and Maple Drive. The secretary will call PennDOT to find out about the project.

The secretary will discuss with the Engineer weight limits and or road bonding for River Road to make sure the road is not damaged during the construction of the Berne Bridge.

**REPORT - PARK & RECREATION**

Discussion on a Resolution to set fees for pavilion / refreshment stand rentals was tabled until further discussion with the Park & Recreation Board can be held.

**A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig, for payment to Purcell Construction, to approve Payment #5, in the amount of \$30,600.00 for the concession stand / restrooms. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.**

**REPORT - OLD BUSINESS**

**REPORT - SUBDIVISIONS / LAND DEVELOPMENT**

**REPORT - NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to accept the resignation of Kristi Koinski from the Tilden Township Planning Commission. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Russ Werley and seconded by Judy Romig to appoint Anna Shollenberger to the vacated position on the Planning Commission. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.

A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to accept the resignation of Natalie Leshar from the Park & Recreation Board. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to accept the audit report for December 31, 2010 for the Township Tax Collector. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to approve the sewer usage evaluation and additional tapping fee adjustments for McDonald's, Freedom Hyundai and Westy Bar & Grill, upon the recommendation of Township Engineer, Ron Tirpak. Upon roll call, Romig, Schappell and Werley voted yes.

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Supervisor Romig told the other Board members she was approached about a light at the Westy Bar & Grill on Hill Drive due to hazardous conditions of customers walking, in the dark, to the Westy from parking @ Conestoga Foundry.

Supervisor Schappell announced that an Earth Day Clean-up, on behalf of the Tilden EAC and Blue Mountain Wildlife, will be held on Sat., April 21 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m., with a raindate of Sat., April 28.

**A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to authorize the EAC and BMW to hold the Earth Day clean-up on April 21, 2012. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

Supervisor Romig and resident JoAnn Rahausser discussed the recycling collection of electronics, etc. behind "Furniture Soup" off of Route 61 across from Crossroads Restaurant in Muhlenburg Township.

**A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Judy Romig to hire Jeff Slichter to paint the township garage and salt shed, at an amount of approximately \$7,000.00 for the garage, before June 23, 2012. Upon roll call, Schappell, Romig and Werley voted yes.**

**A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Russ Werley to update the electric in the township garage at a cost of approximately \$4,000.00 for materials and labor. Upon roll call, Schappell and Werley voted yes. Judy Romig abstained as the work will be done by her son.**

**A motion was made by Gene Schappell and seconded by Russ Werley to run electric to the concession stand at a cost of approximately \$4,600.00 for materials and labor. Upon roll call, Schappell and Werley voted yes. Judy Romig abstained as the work will be done by her son.**

**MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE** was available with the Secretary as well as minutes and reports of all Boards in Tilden Township.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Judy Romig and seconded by Gene Schappell to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 A.M. Upon roll call, Werley, Romig and Schappell voted yes.**

ATTEST:

Cheryl A. Haus  
Secretary